



The Retreat
Shevaroyhills Tribal Development Institute

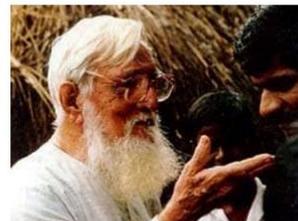
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Miraculous Meet:

Mr. Thanigavel, Driver with UBER was a student from a very small village near Polur. He expressed his profuse gratitude to Francis Schlooz SDB a Dutch missionary. It was he who sent him to Chennai to Fr. Tharcicius at Beatitudes. Today, he says he owes everything to these two priests. Thirty years passed married with two college going daughters. Happy in life. He gratefully remembers the biscuits Fr. Schlooz fed him with. He remembers people who came from Venlo and Wageningen in the Netherlands a few decades ago. He remains a good Hindu as Fathers advised him inspite of expressing his desire to become a Christian.



Organic Kitchen Garden Initiative for WOMEN of Tribal Community:



Organic Kitchen Garden (OKG) in association with Cauveri, the Development Office of the Province of Tiruchy is in preparatory phase of launching. The project aims to create organic kitchen garden among the women of 9 village councils (*panchayats*) of that consists of 65 villages in the mountainous terrain. The project training introduction and consultation meeting for the 30 women representatives of 9 *panchayats* from Shevaroy Hills was held on 30th October. The one –day training is scheduled on 9th November for selected 150 women.



Fr. Raj Mariasusai, Rector of The Retreat, Yercaud, motivated the Women leaders with his empowered speech. Mrs. Neela Kumar, Coordinator of the women leaders was present for the meeting. Ms. Sangeetha, the Resource Mobilization and Project Staff of the Retreat, Yercaud organized the programme.

SOTCHO Eco Drive:



On 26th October, as part of eco-club activity drive cleaning was done by the SOTCHO boys. This is to instill in the minds of the boys to use the dustbins for the disposal of waste and not to throw them wherever they want in order to save the environment.



Model Kitchen and Herbal Garden:



In view of training the women of tribal community and also 'to walk the talk', we have created Organic Kitchen Garden and Herbal Kitchen Garden. We are aiming to collect around 75 herbal plants. The post – novitiate students have volunteered in such activities and they are passionate. We have also established an Organic Nursery Outlet for planting in our campus and selling. Mrs. Arthi Devi, a specialist in gardening is the guide and teacher.

